होती हैं और जहां-जहां रेनुअल की जरूरत है वहां पर हम पहले से ही जो प्रिकाशन जी जा सकती हैं, लेते हैं । जैसा माननीय सदस्य ने कहा है, हम आगे भी उस पर विशेष ध्यान रखेंगे ।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUSTIONS

Revised PPOs in Northern Railway

*483. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the actions regarding issue of revised PPO have been completed in the case of those drawing family pension from the Office of the Chief Accounts Officer, Baroda House, Northern Railway, New Delhi, in response to the Department of Pension and Penshoners" Welfare Office Memorandum No. 45/86797-P&PW(A) Part-III dated the 10th February, 1998;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for non-issuance of revised PPO NER/OB/ 1449, Post IOW, North eastern Railway, Gorakhpur; and

(c) by when all actions for issuing the PPOs referrd to in part (b) above would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) Action has been taken to expeditiously revise Family Pension PPOs based on applications received. Special cells has been set up for this purpose.

(b) The revised PPO has already been issued on 6.4.2000.

(c) Does not arise.

Fire in Punjab Mail

*485.CHAUDHARY CHUNNI LAL:
SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1801 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th March, 2000 and state:

(a) the number of casualties and the details of property lost in the fire in Punjab Mail recently near Bhusaval;

(b) the details of compensation paid to the victims; and

(c) the outcome of the enquiry instituted?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BENERJEE): (a) In this unfortunate incident 18 persons lost their life, one person was grievously injured and 14 persons sustained simple injuries. The loss of property is estimated as Rs. 1,54,00,000.

(b) Ex-gratia has been paid to next of kin of 16 deceased passengers (who have been identified) and injured passengers. Compensation will be paid to the next of the kin of the deceased and injured passengers as per decress given by the Railway Claims Tribunal.

Ex-gratia payment to the next of kin of deceased passenger and to injured passengers has been made as follows:—

(i) Dead	Rs.	15,000/-
(ii) Grievously injured	Rs.	5,000/-
(iii) Simple Injured	Rs.	500/-

Compensation admissible (subject to decree given by Railway Claims Tribunal) to the next of kin of deceased passenger and to injured passengers is as follows:

(i) In case of Death	Rs. 4 Lakhs.
(ii) In case of Injured	Rs. 32,000/-to Rs. 4 Lakhs depending on the extent of injury.

(c) To enquire into the cause of this unfortunate incident, statutory investigations by the commissioner of Railways Safety, Central Circle have started on 20th February, 2000, As per the provisional findings of the commissioner of Railway Safety, Central Circle, the fire was caused due to ignited fire source falling on an inflammable material, thus giving rise initially to the smoke and then to the fire resulling in gutting of six coaches of the train. The exact cause of incident will be known only after the detailed report becomes available.